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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit the following remarks in response to the final Office Action dated October 22, 2007.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the **Pending Claims** is attached hereto. No amendments are made.